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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 556

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Belle Ackerman
Lipman on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Belle Ackerman Lipman will celebrate her 90th birthday on January 28, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Belle Ackerman was born and raised in Philadelphia, where her parents were the owners and operators of a thriving general store and were highly respected members of their community; and

WHEREAS, Belle was joined in marriage with Mark Lipman, a brilliant private investigator, and the couple's blessed union produced two children, Ira Lipman and Carol Lipman Friedman; and

WHEREAS, the Lipmans moved to Little Rock, in 1935 where they lived until 1958. Mr. Lipman founded the Mark Lipman Service which continues today as the Mark Lipman Division

of Guardsmark, Inc., a Memphis-based security services organization with offices all across the nation and in Canada; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lipman was a caring and giving companion to Mark, to whom she was married for 64 years until his death in 1994; and

WHEREAS, son Ira Lipman and daughter Carol Lipman Friedman, wife of Dr. Harry Friedman, were born in Little Rock; they and grandsons Gus, Benjamin and Josh, three extremely handsome, intelligent and fine young men, are justifiably proud of their mother and grandmother, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lipman and her children have resided in Memphis since 1958, and during those 42 years Mrs. Lipman has been an active and positive force in community and civic charitable works and in the world of opera, literature and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Belle Lipman's thirst for adventure has led her all over the globe. She has visited China, India, Alaska, Pakistan and Kenya on safari; in 1980, she took the Siberian Orient Express with her companion, Jonathan. In Europe she has graced the cities of Florence, Prague, Vienna and Venice, where she would have commanded attention even in their historic heydays; and

WHEREAS, Belle Lipman has accurately been described as "a woman of extraordinary taste, refinement and intellect, gifts she shares openly with all who know her, and for which she is universally admired"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Philadelphia, her birthplace, and the City of Little Rock, her residence for 23 years, have also offered their glowing accolades for this remarkable woman whose warmth candor and *joie de vivre* in fact make her a "Tennessee" as well as a "Memphis Belle"; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2000 Mrs. Lipman will be honored with a celebration of her 90th birthday at the Carlyle Hotel in New York, which will be followed by a black tie masquerade party on January 29, all of which festivities are quite appropriate for, and in keeping with, a life lived to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Lipman approaches her 10th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens, who is truly a Renaissance person, on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Belle Ackerman Lipman on the celebration of her 90th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many more years of joy, fulfillment and blessings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.